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PERFORMANCE ORIENTED PACKAGING TESTING  
OF  
40,000-POUND SHOCK TEST CHARGE BOOSTER CONTAINER  
FOR PACKING GROUP II SOLID HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

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## INTRODUCTION

This Performance Oriented Packaging (POP) test was performed to ascertain whether the MIL-B-2427 wood box used for shipping and storage of 40,000-pound shock test charge boosters meets the Packing Group II requirements specified by the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49 CFR, Parts 107 through 178, dated 31 December 1991. The objectives were to evaluate the adequacy of the container in protecting the hazardous materials.

The box tested conforms to MIL-B-2427, Type II, Class 2, Grade C and contains one booster for either a 1200 or a 10,000 pound shock test charge. One steel strap was used to secure the wood box during the tests.

## TESTS PERFORMED

### 1. Drop Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.603. One container was used for each drop orientation. The drop height was 1.2 meters and the drop sequence was as follows:

- a. Flat on Bottom
- b. Flat on Top
- c. Flat on Long Side
- d. Flat on Short Side
- e. One Corner

The test was performed at ambient temperature ( $70^{\circ} \pm 20^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). The contents of the container should be retained within its packaging and exhibit no damage liable to affect safety during transport.

### 2. Stacking Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.606. Three different containers were used, each with a stack weight of 650 pounds. This represents the weight imposed on the bottom container of a sixteen-foot stack of like containers weighing 108 pounds each. The test was performed for 24 hours. After the allowed time, the weight was removed and the container examined. Any leakage, deterioration, or distortion which could adversely affect transport or reduce its strength or cause instability in stacks of packages is cause for rejection.

### 3. Base Level Vibration Test

This test was performed in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.608. Three sample containers were loaded with aluminum rods and closed as for shipment. Each container was placed on a vibrating platform that had a vertical

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double-amplitude (peak-to-peak displacement) of one inch. The packages were constrained horizontally to prevent them from falling off the platform, but were free to move vertically, bounce and rotate. The test was performed for one hour at a frequency that caused each point of the container bottom to be raised from the platform 1.6 mm. A 1.6 mm thick metal strip was passed between the bottom of the container and the platform.

## **PASS/FAIL**

### **1. Drop Test**

The criteria for passing the drop test is outlined in Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.603(f): A package is considered to successfully pass the drop test if for each sample tested, no rupture occurs which would permit spillage of loose explosive substances or articles from the outer packaging.

### **2. Stacking Test**

The criteria for passing the stacking test is outlined in Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.606: No test sample may show any deterioration which could adversely affect transportation safety or any distortion likely to reduce its strength, cause instability in stacks of packages, or cause damage to inner packagings likely to reduce safety in transportation.

### **3. Base Level Vibration Test**

The criteria for passing the Base Level Vibration Test is outlined Title 49 CFR, Part 178, Subpart M, Sec. 178.608: Immediately following the period of vibration, each package must be removed from the platform, turned on its side and observed for any evidence of leakage. A packaging passes the vibration test if there is no rupture or leakage from any of the packages. No test sample should show any deterioration which could adversely affect transportation safety or any distortion liable to reduce packaging strength.

## **TEST RESULTS**

### **1. Drop Test**

Satisfactory.

### **2. Stacking Test**

Satisfactory.

### **3. Base Level Vibration Test**

Satisfactory.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. Drop Test**

After each drop the container was inspected for any damage which would be cause for rejection. The flat drops caused no visible damage. When the box was dropped on a corner of the lid, the lid cracked across its middle along the wood grain and one nail in each lid cleat popped loose, but the lid was held intact by the steel strap. The box is shown after the corner drop in figure 1. In all cases, the containers remained intact and there was no spillage of contents.

### **2. Stacking Test**

Three containers were individually tested. Each container was visibly inspected after the 24-hour period was over. There was no leakage, distortion, or deterioration of the container as a result of this test.

### **3. Base Level Vibration Test**

Immediately following the vibration test, each container was removed from the platform, turned on its side and observed for any evidence of leakage. All containers remained securely closed and there was no evidence of leakage of contents.

## **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

Code of Federal Regulations Title 49 CFR, Parts 107-178.

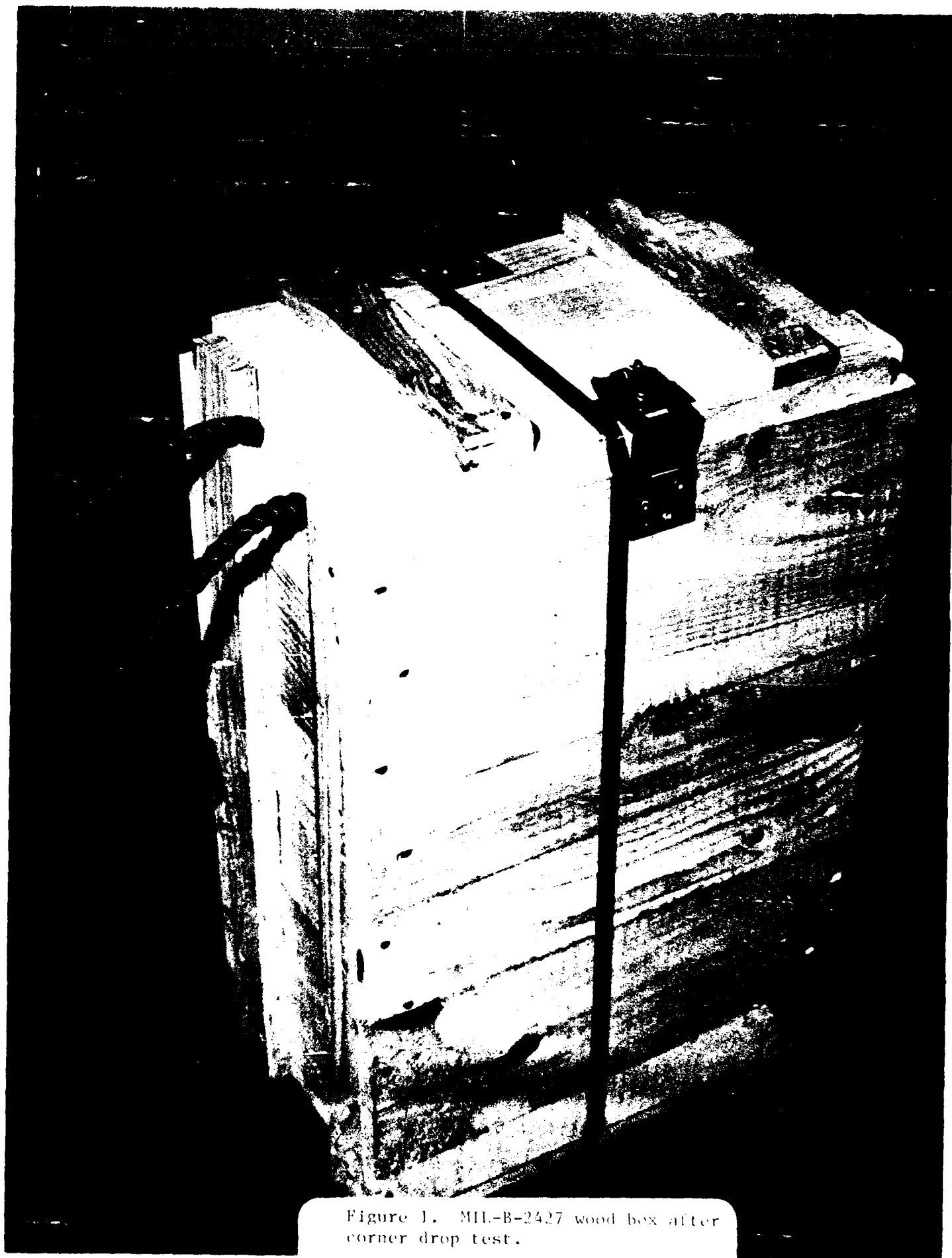


Figure 1. MIL-B-2427 wood box after corner drop test.

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# DATA SHEET

**CONTAINER:**

MIL-B-2427 Wood Box  
for 40,000-Pound Shock  
Test Charge Boosters

**POP MARKING:**

4C1/Y49/S/\*\*  
USA/DOD/NAD

Type: 4C1

UN Code: 1.1D

Specification Number:  
MIL-B-2427

Material:  
Wood

Gross Weight:  
49 kg  
(108.0 pounds)

Dimensions:  
.37m L x .24m W x .62m H  
(14.75" L x 9.38" W x 24.50" H)

Closure (Method/type):  
1 Steel strap  
1 Hasp

Tare Weight:  
7.7 kg  
(17.0 pounds)

Additional Description: Outer pack drawing for this item  
is 10001-2128460.

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**PACKAGED COMMODITY:**

Booster for 40,000 Pound Shock Test Charge  
7W30, 1375-01-164-3520

Proper Shipping Name: Bursters

United Nations Number: 0043

United Nations Packing Group: II

Physical State: Solid

Amount Per Container: 1

Net Weight: 26.0 kg (57.4 pounds)

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**PACKAGED COMMODITY USED FOR TEST:**

Name: Aluminum rod  
Physical State: Solid

Size : .45m L x .20m Dia  
(18.00" L x 8.00"Dia)

Quantity : 1  
Net Weight: 41.3 kg (91.0 pounds)

Dunnage: Polyethylene foam and fiberboard